

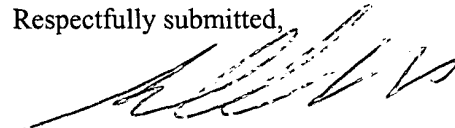
REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of and claiming priority to related, earlier filed applications, Applicant has amended the text of the specification on page 1 of this U.S. national stage application to provide a cross-reference to related applications.

Support for the amendment is found in the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Applicant and filed with this U.S. national stage application on August 17, 2001. Accordingly, the amendment adds no new matter.

Entry of the amendment to page 1 of the specification is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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